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1. The 4 Infantry Regiment has its headquarters in Petrich. The headquarters battalion is stationed here. Two other battalions were deployed to Gorna Dzhumaya (Blagoevgrad) in 1950. In January 1951 one of these two battalions was transferred back to Petrich.
2. It was rumored in the Petrich area that Russian units, including an air force unit, were expected in March 1951. Local military authorities in January 1951 ordered repairs to an airfield, constructed by the Germans in 1941 about eight kilometers from Petrich between the villages of Sharbanovo (sic) and Karnalovo (sic).
3. In October 1950, 39 Infantry Regiment was transferred from Nevrokop to the Yugoslav border area. In February 1951 the headquarters of this unit was at Breznik.
4. The wooden bridge on the Mesta River near Sadovo, destroyed by the Germans in 1946, was repaired during the summer of 1950. The bridge is 25 meters long and about five meters wide.

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